

# CATAMOUNT SPIRIT



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## "Watersheds & Their Communities" Funded for Second-Year Phase

Paula Piehl, Professor of Biology, and Judy Ninesteel, Professor of Geology/Geography, are pleased to announce that their proposal for "The Human Environment: Watersheds and Their Communities" is refunded for another year. The WVU W.K. Kellogg Community Partnerships Program recently informed Paula and Judy that their proposal is awarded \$13,634.

"Watersheds and Their Communities" is a multidisciplinary college-level course of study on land-use practices with a focus on watershed stewardship. It combines a five-day "hands-on" training in mid-August - team-taught by faculty from science, business and arts disciplines - and student-directed research and service-learning projects during

the subsequent fall semester.

In early 1997, Grant, Monroe, Hampshire, and Mineral Counties; Potomac State College and the Lighthouse Foundation formed the West Virginia Stewardship Collaborative to integrate community stewardship as part of the school curriculum. Later that year, this innovative college-level course focusing on watersheds was developed jointly by Paula and Judy and the Lighthouse Foundation. It is open to junior and senior high school students and college-level students and is supported by W.K. Kellogg/WVU "Expanding Community Partnerships" and Annenberg "Rural School and Community Trust" grants.

According to Paula, there are several additional



Students are shown working with microscopes as part of the residential program at Lighthouse Foundation's 560-acre Farm Center in Pendleton County.

objectives in this second-year phase of the partnership. First, to enhance faculties' distance learning skills. Second, to encourage schools and community organizations to initiate stewardship projects and related activities. Third, to encourage the use of e-mail and the Internet between schools and communities in Mineral, Grant, Hampshire, and Monroe Counties.

Fourth, to provide a forum for students to plan and participate in community stewardship projects which will improve their process skills, self-esteem and motivation to learn academic disciplines. Five, to create a context for developing entrepreneurs and project management skills among students, faculty and community members by developing cooperative projects.

## Little Selected As ABCA Coach of the Year

Doug Little, Athletic Director and Head Baseball Coach for Potomac State College of West Virginia University, has been selected as an American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA)/Diamond Sports Company NJCAA Division I



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Regional Coach of the Year.

Regional representatives from around the country scout their designated territories, nominate coaches and then vote for the coach to receive this honor. The selection is based on the past season's accomplishments of which PSC's Catamounts finished just short of the Division I series after a 37-10 record. Only 20 coaches, nationwide, have

been selected for this honor.

Little will receive his Coach of the Year Certificate during the ABCA National Convention in Nashville, TN, January 4 through 7, 2001, at which time the organization will pay tribute to all the recipients at the Hall of Fame/Coach of the Year Banquet. The banquet will be held at the Opryland Hotel.

### Info Welcomed

If you've been *On The Road* to attend a meeting, if *Kudos* are in order for special recognition you've received, if *Congrats* are in order for a milestone in your life, to name just a few of the topics, please let us know for the *Catamount Spirit*. We're also open to suggestions for articles.

This publication is printed bimonthly for the faculty and staff of Potomac State College of West Virginia University.

Please contact René Trezise, in Communications and Marketing, with your information or comments.



## Prof. Douthitt to Coordinate PSC's Renewal for NCA Accreditation

Phil Douthitt, Computer Science Professor, will be spearheading Potomac State College's efforts as the college prepares to renew its accreditation with the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA). This voluntary accreditation of educational institutions must be re-evaluated every 10 years. PSC's accreditation comes due Spring 2004.



DOUTHITT

The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education is part of the NCA. The Association was founded in 1895 as a membership organization for educational institutions. It is committed to developing and maintaining high standards of excellence.

The Association is one of six regional institutional accrediting associations in the United States. Through its Commissions it accredits, and thereby grants membership to educational institutions in the 19-state North Central region.

On Sept. 13, Phil and Dinah Courrier, Interim Dean of Curriculum and Instruction, attended a presentation by a representative

from the Association regarding the accreditation process in Charleston, WV.

"The next big step over the next year is our self-study which is actually an internal evaluation," said Phil. "We'll start with the selection of a steering committee and then we'll break down into self-study teams with chair persons who will be responsible for each area of evaluation."

The areas to be evaluated include: formal educational activities, financial stability, admissions and student personnel services, institutional resources, student academic achievement, governance and administration, institutional effectiveness, and relationships with constituencies outside the institution.

"In upcoming months, I'll be calling on faculty and staff to make up these self-study teams," said Phil.

The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education is recognized by the Secretary of Education and the Committee on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation (CORPA, now continued under the Council on Higher Education Accreditation, or CHEA). Anyone wanting further information about the NCA can visit their website at [www.ncacihe.org](http://www.ncacihe.org).

### Kudos...

Martin Smelik, Business Office Staff, will serve as chair of the classified staff this year. Dawn Downey, Library Staff, will serve as secretary.

Volunteers are still needed to fill two-year terms on the following councils:

Athletics, Campus Events, and College Resources. Please contact Martin at 788-6828 if you're interested.

President Mary Rittling has been appointed to the Statewide Task Force on Student Financial Aid.

## Chatting with your colleagues...



Grab a cup of coffee or pack your lunch and spend some time with your colleagues and President Mary Rittling at the following social events. You'll notice in addition to the morning event, afternoon and evening socials are also planned to better accommodate full-time and adjunct faculties' teaching schedules. Hope to see you at one or all of the following events:

**Coffee Hour:** Sept. 29, 7:30 to 9 a.m., in the Church McKee Art Center's Green Room. Bagels, muffins, coffee and tea will be available.

**Brown Bag Lunch:** Nov. 3, 12 to 1:30 p.m., in the Potomac Café's small Dining room. Dessert will be provided.

**Cocktail Party/Open House:** Dec. 8, 4 to 6 p.m., at the Presidents House.

## Potomac State College Names Board of Advisors

by Becky Lofstead, Director of WVU's News & Information Services

West Virginia University officials have named 14 people to serve for the next year on the Board of Advisors for PSC.

The appointments follow on the heels of the higher education governing board and state college and university advisory board appointments made June 28 by Gov. Cecil H. Underwood.

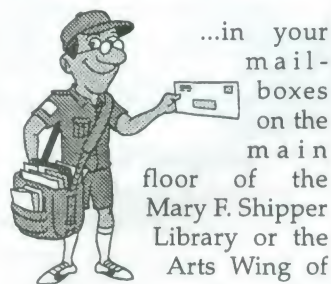
Named to PSC's board are: C. Reeves Taylor, retired Circuit Court Judge from Keyser; Kevin Adrian, corporate vice president of the Information Manufacturing Corporation at Rocket Center; Charles Kalbaugh,

Mineral County superintendent of schools; Carl "Denny" Avers, former Mineral County resident, currently residing in Reston, VA; Kris Warner, owner of Keyser's Grand Central Business Center; John Canfield, Kanawha County; Richard Hoffman, Harrison County; S. Diane Kradel, Jefferson County; Linda Hicks, Upshur County; Steven Payne, Berkeley County; and W. Robert Grafton, Potomac, MD.

The college is represented by James Hoey, faculty representative; Rebecca Wilkins, classified staff representative; and Shannon Nutter, student representative.



## Adjunct Faculty: You've Got Mail...



the Church McKee Arts Center. In fact, the mailboxes are how you will receive the *Catamount Spirit* as well as other daily campus correspondence.

Library hours are Monday through Thursday - 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday - 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday - 1 to 4 p.m.; and Sunday - 6 to 9 p.m.

Mailboxes in the Arts

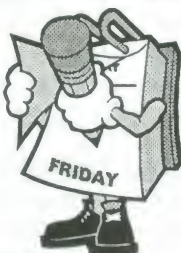
Center are accessible Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Also, adjunct faculty is encouraged to attend Division Meetings as well as Faculty Assembly Meetings when possible. Both, Division I and II Meetings are held on the second Friday of each

month (September through April) in Room 2 of the Administration Building. Division I Meetings are held at 12:30 p.m. and Division II Meetings are held at 2:30 p.m.

Faculty Assembly Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month (September through April) at 12:30 p.m. in Academy Hall 210.

## Mark your calendars



**Friday, Sept. 29** - An Academic Advising Workshop for all faculty and staff with advising responsibilities is scheduled for the afternoon. The workshop will be presented by Dr. Roxanne DuVivier, vice president of student affairs at Hocking College, OH, and adjunct professor at Ohio University. As a consultant for Noel-Levitz, Dr. DuVivier specializes in learner differences, student retention and academic advising. For further information, call Enrollment Services at 788-6820.

**Wednesday, Oct. 4** - Patrick Combs, a motivational speaker and author of "Major in Success" will be on campus at 7:30 p.m., in Academy Hall's Room 207. His presentation is sponsored by Student Affairs.

Combs will present a dynamic 90-minute, "job-finding, career-getting, butt-kickin', salary-enhancin', adrenaline-rushin'," talk on the five steps to success. By age 28, Combs had achieved a level of success usually attained much later in a career. After putting himself through college by managing a rock band, he went on to co-teach communications classes at San Francisco State University while earning a top spot on a videoconferencing team with Levi Strauss & Co. He now successfully makes his living working at his dream job: author and popular speaker on college campuses.

**Friday, Oct. 13** - Early 50's Get-Together at Samson's Restaurant, Social Hour begins at 6:30 p.m. Contact Pat Hovis at 304-788-4065 for further details.

**Saturday, Oct. 14** - Homecoming/Parent's Day kicks off with a 5K Race. Registration will run (no pun intended) from 8:30 to 9 a.m. at the Student Union. The Race will begin at 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Children (12 years old & under) and \$5 for PSC Students. All entrants will receive a participation prize.

Welcome & Coffee Hour will be held in the Student Union from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon on the Quad will be served by WVU Dining Services from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5.25 for Adults and \$3 for Children (12 & under).

PSC's Women's Soccer Team will take on Rockingham Community College at 11 a.m. on Stayman Field. Free admission.

PSC's Men's Soccer Team will take on Rockingham Community College at 1 p.m. on Staymen Field. Free admission.

Sibling Day Activities will be held on the Quad from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Activities includes face painting, sand art and more. Free admission.

Films for Younger Children will be held in the Library from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

PSC's Alumni Association's Awards Banquet will be held in the Potomac Café. Social Hour will begin at 5 p.m. and WVU Dining Services will serve dinner at 5:45 p.m. Cost is \$15 for Adults and \$7.50 for Children (12 & under).

Phil Dirt & the Dozers is part of the Highland Arts Unlimited Season. This band has something for everyone in flashy 50's costumes... Gershwin, ragtime, country, rock & roll. Show begins at 8 p.m. Cost for non-Highland Arts Members is \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Children (12 & under).

**Sunday, Oct. 15** - Sunday Morning Deluxe Brunch will be served in the Potomac Café from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$5.25 for Adults and \$3 for Children (12 & under).

**Wednesday, Dec. 13** - The Nutcracker Ballet is part of the Highland Arts Unlimited Season. This time honored classic ballet is performed by a Russian Ballet Troupe of more than 30. Included in this beautiful production will be 24 of our local area dance students. Cost for non-Highland Arts Members is \$15 for Adults and Children (12 & under).



## *A Note From President Hardesty:*



Office of the President

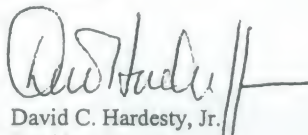
August 23, 2000

Dr. Mary Rittling  
President  
Potomac State College of WVU  
Administration Building  
Keyser, WV 26726

Dear President Rittling:

I would like to thank everyone at Potomac State College that made my recent visit to campus an enjoyable one. A new sense of pride, purpose, and commitment to being "student centered" was evident. Everyone on your campus is to be commended for their efforts to work toward positive change. Thank you and everyone on the Potomac State College campus for your hard work. Please share my sentiments with all your faculty and staff.

Sincerely,

  
David C. Hardesty, Jr.  
President

## *Moving on...*

Doug Kesner, former Dean of Student Affairs, has accepted a position as leader of the Higher Education Team for Safe and Drug-free schools.

Elizabeth Hudson, former Coach of the Lady Catamount Basketball Team and Professor of Physical Education, is relocating to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where her husband has accepted a position with a new company.

NOTE: Elizabeth sent the following message: Dear PSC Friends, I want to thank everyone for wishing me well in my new adventure. I will sincerely miss my PSC family and hope that the coming years are filled with great new opportunities! Thank you for all your support and friendship through the years. Please keep in touch. My new address is: 1017 Stuart Rd., Albuquerque, NM 87114, e-mail [ahudson@mindspring.com](mailto:ahudson@mindspring.com). We love to have company, so if you're out our way, give us a shout!

## **2000 Benedum Lecture Series Announced**

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research Gerald Lang recently announced the 2000 Benedum Lecture Series "SCIENCE, LIFE, AND THE NEW MILLENNIUM," co-sponsored by the Claude Worthington Benedum Endowment and the Office of the Provost. This group of six lectures offers to the University community an exciting, timely and unique collection of speakers who are experts in these current issues that affect all of us. Lang encourages and invites you to attend each of the presentations. All lectures will begin at 8 p.m. and will take place at G24 Eiesland Hall Classroom. A reception will follow each lecture to give you an opportunity to meet the speaker.

**Wednesday, October 4 - Lawrence M. Krauss**  
Ambrose Swasey Professor of Physics, Professor of Astronomy and Chairman, Dept. of Physics, Case Western Reserve University's Cleveland, OH  
"Life, The Universe, and Nothing: Einstein's Biggest Blunder"

**Wednesday, October 11 - Frank Drake**  
President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence), Mountain View, California  
"The Future of the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligent Life"

**Wednesday, October 18 - Phyllis M. Wise**  
Wang Professor and Chair of Physiology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY  
"Women's Health in the New Millennium: Challenges to Understand the Novel Actions of Estrogen"

**Wednesday, October 25 - Steven L. McKnight**  
Professor and Chairman, Sam G. Winstead and F. Andrew Bell Distinguished Chair in Biochemistry and Distinguished Chair in Basic Biomedical Research, University of Texas, Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, TX  
"DNA Transcription, RNA Splicing and Human Consciousness"

**Wednesday, November 1 - Eddie Reed**  
Chief of the Medical Ovarian Cancer Section, Division of Clinical Sciences National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD  
"Cancer Chemotherapy - When It Works, Why do Normal Cells Survive?"

**Wednesday, November 8 - Firouz M. Naderi**  
Mars Program Manager, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California  
"The Search for Our Cosmic Roots and Galactic Cousins"